
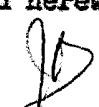


STATEMENT GIVEN OUT BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT - SEPTEMBER 7, 1960

Reports that the FBI had furnished unfavorable information to the Department of Defense of Mitchell and Martin prior to its employment of them are erroneous. The pre-employment investigation of these men was conducted by the Department of Defense and not by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In response to the normal inquiry made by the Department of Defense in the course of its investigation, the FBI reported that it had no information in its files concerning these men.

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<p>Contrary to the item in this morning's "Post," a formal statement was not issued. In conversation with a member of the press, a Mr. Houston of the Office of the Director of Public Information, Department of Justice, made the statement referred to by the press. A copy of his remarks was obtained from Mr. Houston's office and is forwarded herewith.</p> 			
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